Applin. No. 10/665,525 Applicant: Julie M. Werbitt Preliminary Amendment

In the Specification

Page 14, amend the paragraph beginning at line 6 as follows:

An outer protective casing, referred to as packaging 202, is designed to be highly rugged, provide protection from the sun, saltwater, chlorine, sand, suntan lotion, spilled food, and/or drink. Such easiing-casing provides protection for any or all components of portable patron unit 102. Packaging 202 may be made of any number of materials including, but not limited to, plastic, metal, and/or wood. For example, in one implementation, packaging 202 is constructed of injection-molded high-impact polycarbonate designed to meet the IEC 529 IP 54 standards for water and dust/sand protection and may be configured into various shapes and sizes.

Page 40, amend the paragraph beginning at line 23 as follows:

In block 1102, portable patron units are provided to patrons at a resort, stadium/arena, or other establishments. For example, in a resort environment, a portable patron unit 102 maybe may be provided to a patron at check-in, at various areas of the resort, such as arrival at a beach or pool area. The portable patron units may be fastened and locked to a chair, lounge, table, etc. Alternatively, patrons may carry the portable patron units.